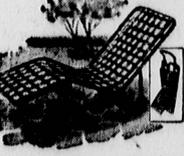


Tired of the same old prepared or plastered walls? It is easy to have lovely grained paneled walls of west coast hemlock or even Douglas fir. Take narrow strips of fir lumber, 1x2, 1x3 or 1x4 inches, called furring strips. To give even backing for your wall panel boards and also nailing surface, place the furring strips over the old wall parallel to the floor, at about two foot intervals. Top and bottom strips should be along floor and ceiling line. Try to nail furring strips to studs. You can tap around with your hammer until you find location of each stud line. Now you have good even surface for nailing paneling boards.

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Summer color is provided by the Silk Tree (Abutilon julibrissin) which bears showy pink balls all summer long. It grows in an umbrella shape with feathery foliage. A non-fruiting variety of the Mulberry is also available for shade tree use. Small flowers appear among its rich dark and light green leaves. It reaches 30 to 40 feet. Two varieties of the birch, recommended by the California Association of Nurserymen as excellent shade tree choices are the European White Birch and the Cutleaf Weeping Birch. The first is a fast growing tree with white and black bark and light green foliage. The outstanding feature of the Weeping birch, of course, is its graceful, drooping branches and delicate leaves.

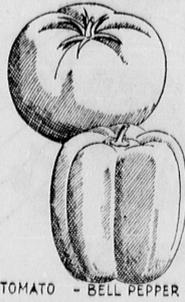
Shapes Vary
A very colorful tree with reddish branches and flowers, the Red maple reaches 30 to 100 feet and its cousin, the Crimson King maple provides color in its foliage—purple-red leaves. Another maple, the Silver maple, is a wide-spreading tree with leaves that are silvery white underneath. One of the oldest trees known, the Maidenhair Tree (Ginkgo), is particularly outstanding as an accent tree for landscaping. Its foliage is pale green and fan-shaped. Also on the unusual side is the Northern Catalpa, with its large heart-shaped leaves that measure a foot in length and white flowers in Spring.

Vegetable Garden Offers Unrivalled Satisfaction

There are few gardening experiences that rival the rewards. In self-satisfaction and actual worth, of a well cared for vegetable garden. Many such plants can be grown from seed in your own yard.

Some of the summer vegetables require a longer growing period and also more initial care than others. It is usually more economical to purchase such plants as transplants from your local garden supply center. The vegetable plants that are in this category are tomatoes, peppers, egg plants, and celery. In addition are lettuce and members of the cabbage family, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, and cauliflower, which are also available in most areas.

Set Plants Deeper
Tomatoes should be placed deeper in the ground than the flat were in the flat. Plant 2 feet apart and allow 3 feet between rows. Irrigate the plants well in trenches between the rows. As the plants grow taller place four stakes around each plant and tie strips of cloth to these stakes to support the plant. Once the blooms appear care must be taken to water only when the plants begin to wilt or the fruit will not set. Pepper plants should also be set deeper in the ground than they were in the flat. Irrigate in trenches and set plants 18 inches apart in rows and allow 2 feet between rows. Peppers are similar to tomatoes in that they should not be overwatered once the bloom sets or the fruit will not develop. Egg plants have similar growth habits to peppers, but



TOMATO - BELL PEPPER

should be planted the same depth as they were in the flat. Space 2 feet apart in the row with 3 feet between rows.

Celery, lettuce, and all members of the cabbage family require continuous moisture with cultivation between irrigations in order to aerate the soil.

Natural Styling in Home Makes for Easier Living

Nature, like a twentieth-century gypsy is on the move. And her ultimate destination is your living room and your home itself.

Moving nature into the home, says Mrs. Elsie Doty Sopp, A.I.D., home decorating authority, is just another expression of man's attraction for the outdoors and his affinity with nature.

"The large glass windows in today's homes," Mrs. Sopp observes, "bring the living, green, natural outdoors right into your home. What then is easier to live with than the lush colors and interesting surfaces of nature? Wood walls, floors and furniture mate instinctively with the garden separated only by a glass partition, and stone and brick give striking dimensional effects as natural decorating schemes easy and practically limitless for any room in the home."

To create this needed rapport between outdoors and home interior, Mrs. Sopp recommends careful selection of basic materials for the large color areas

walls and floors—with heavy emphasis on wood.

Wall space, she says, on the average, occupies two-thirds of a room's surface area. Natural wood walls, like the striking Douglas fir with its golden colorings or west coast hemlock with its sunshine tones, are a designer's dream because of the ease of selecting other materials to contrast and blend with these walls of neutral shades.

Wood is easy to live with, Mrs. Sopp remarks, for it never becomes monotonous and best of all, it mellow with age. In today's era of casual living, ease of maintenance is also a factor. After an initial treatment of clear wax, rez, shellac or varnish, only an occasional dusting with a soft cloth is needed to keep these walls in perfect condition.

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